

More Haitian Conditions Revealed by U. S. Marines.

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"I got eighty-nine of them before a marine officer stepped on the head and laid me out. There was excitement to peddle and for a time it looked as though there was going to be hell in general. You know we really were at war with those Haytians; they were killing us and we were killing them. I guess I was a bit hasty, but—well, it was all in the game.

"I was court-martialed, of course. But the action against me wasn't very spirited. Our fellows knew that the Haytians were taking advantage of every opportunity that presented itself to bump up the price of their wares. I guess, the only punishment I received was a reduction from a topography to be a private. None of them.

He boasted of another exploit. This one was enacted in Santiago, near Fort San Luis. The Haytians were stationed. He was guarding five Dominicans who were making a road. The five broke for freedom. None got away. To quote him again:

"I knew they were going to try and I was ready. Before they had gone thirty yards I had dropped every one of them, and not one required more than one shot.

He is quoted here merely to show the conditions that obtained at the time of the writer's presence in the country in 1918. At that time the armed marines were searching everywhere for evidence that the Dominicans were possessed of arms. There were no criminal courts; everything was attended to by the judge advocate in the northern provinces of San Domingo.

Only Preliminary Inquiry.
But these conditions did not obtain in all parts of the island. I have in mind what happened down at Santo Domingo. Some twenty-five or thirty bandits (?) had been rounded up and jailed. The night of the capture the captain of the Guardia Nacional at Santo Domingo city was murdered. This captain was a marine sergeant who had been placed at the head of the Guardia—a body somewhat similar to our own State constabulary—and was very popular with his dusky subordinates.

That same night the twenty-five or thirty prisoners were taken out to a point two miles from the jail and executed. No one was allowed to know who executed them or who gave orders for the crime. A preliminary investigation was conducted, but nothing ever came of the matter.

The day before Thanksgiving, 1918, a Second Lieutenant and a detail of marines went out into the country to search the house of a native suspected of possessing firearms. I talked with the Lieutenant shortly before he left the fort. I talked with him when he returned.

"How did you do?" I inquired. "Did you get him?"
"Did we get him?"—this with a smile. "I should say we did. Got him and four others."

"Bringing them in?" was the next query.
"None left them there to be buried. As it went. The statement in Col. Russell's letter that only twelve marines have been killed during the occupation of Hayti is at variance with the stories of the marines who served there with Butler and Butler and who appeared to know whereof they spoke. I can recall the night we stopped at Monte Christi en route for Puerto Plata—on our way from the States. A sergeant coming aboard with other officers reported that on the night before a party of marines had been waylaid and seven of them killed. There was in the party the wife of a Major, but she had escaped unhurt.

Suffered Prevention.
Doubtless the marines—officers as well as men—suffered great provocation—not "doubtless," they did. I wonder then that their morals as well as their morale suffered to that extent that the Navy Department felt impelled to dispatch a special agent to the island in an effort to work out the situation—physical and spiritual—of the men quartered there.

That special agent was a Pittsburgher. His report submitted after several months in Hayti caused a furor of doubt and excitement in official circles. At once preparations were made to ameliorate conditions, and beginning late in 1918 some improvements were worked out.

Young men who went to Hayti clean and wholesome remained clean and wholesome only for a brief, brief time. Many of them left there wrecked of their former selves; they were such condition as to be better dead. Others—and many of them—were sent home raving mad. I was upon assignment of "nuts" coming to the States aboard a transport included twenty-three young marines.

But none of this ever came to the public. The strictest of censorship was maintained both in Hayti and in Santo Domingo. This censorship is still in force, according to what I can learn. Nor did a special correspondent who spent a week or two in Hayti a few months ago learn anything but the "nice things" during his outing there.

—N. Y. Herald.

RACE MEN TO ORGANIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A. N. P. J.
Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 11.—The business and professional men of the city are anxious and ready to go ahead with the formation of a Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is drawing up plans for the organization. The interest in such an organization has been given an impetus by the fact that a meeting held at which F. C. Sharon, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and John M. Gould, general secretary, spoke. The leaders in the new movement are Prof. J. B. E. Lee of Lincoln High School, J. C. Stewart and R. Mowley. The latter is chairman of the committee.

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Democratic Pre-election Propaganda Would Charge Harding with Being of Mixed Blood. Refuted and Author Punished.

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ly false and unfounded. Each State chairman in turn should communicate with each county chairman and the county chairman pass the denial on to their district workers. This will enable them to deny the statement upon information received directly from you. Further letters and telegrams justify the report I made you yesterday upon result of election."

The editor of a journal in the middle West wired: "Flooded with circulars alleging that Warren G. Harding is of Negro ancestry. Circulars contain alleged genealogy purporting to come from college at Wooster, Ohio. Circulars mailed at Columbus, apparently addressed only to Democrats. Story has reached rural sections and communication have been beginning to come in asking for explanation."

Another message said: "Genealogy been circulated here purporting to show Harding descendant from Negroes, both sides, three generations back, giving authority Chancellor of Wooster, Ohio. His father mulatto, mother white. Advice me facts." From another State came this: "Democratic propaganda received yesterday in letter mailed from Indianapolis to Democratic workers and now being circulated in Columbus, Ohio. It contains a circular bearing no return address. Democrats on streets making inquiry of Republicans: 'Are you going to vote for a nigger?'"

Cincinnati, Nov. 11.—The following editorial appears in the Cincinnati Enquirer: "The Truth About Harding's Ancestry." Sub-caption, "Falsehood Circulated by Democrats. Is Absolutely Without the Slightest Foundation of Fact. Here is the Correct That Nails Sneaking Propaganda."

The editorial appears over the signatures of Charles F. Taft, publisher, and Herbert Taft, editor. "Fifty years ago personal scandal and whispered lies against the candidates played a considerable part in American politics. Until this year it seemed that we had been getting away from that sort of thing. The presidential campaigns of the present century have been fought chiefly in the open with arguments about principles and the characters and intentions of candidates holding the center of the stage."

Underhanded Partnership.
"This year the Democrats have tried to turn the clock back 50 years. They have attempted to revive the spirit of underhanded partisanship which was quite usual in America in the days when the blackguards attacked the ancestry of the mother of Abraham Lincoln and said that Lincoln himself was illegitimate."

"Most of the energy of the underground section of the Democratic campaign has been devoted to the circulation of a lie about Harding's ancestry. No responsible Democrat has dared repeat it in the open, but many Democrats have passed it around to hand. There are few voters in Hamilton county who have not voted in against this sneaking propaganda in one form or another, and who have not had some body whisper in their ears in a low tone that there is really something in that story about Harding."

Facts of Harding Ancestry.
"The story is to the effect that Warren G. Harding's grandfather was Amos Harding, a Negro. The story is false in every respect. It even has the wrong names for Harding's grandparents. The senator's grandfather was not Amos, but Charles Alexander Harding. Charles Alexander Harding's wife, and the grandmother of Warren G. Harding, on the paternal side, was Mary Ann Crawford. She was the daughter of Joshua A. Crawford of Baltimore, and Sophia Stevens, whose family lived in an Alabama county. The Crawfords were of Scotch-Irish descent, the family originating in Lanarkshire, Scotland. The first of the family came to America in the 17th century."

"The Crawfords appear all through the genealogies of Virginia and are related to most of the prominent families of colonial days in that state. There was an Amos Harding among Warren G. Harding's ancestors. He was not the senator's grandfather, however, but his great-grandfather. The name of his wife was not Mary Ann Dixon, but Phoebe Tripp, who belonged to a well known family of Pennsylvania and was a cousin of Frances Slocum, The Last Sister of Wyoming."

"Amos Harding lived in the Wyoming valley, Pennsylvania, from 1777 to 1806. He came to Richmond county, Ohio, early in the 19th century and died there in 1835."

Not a Drop of Negro Blood
"As a rule Americans object to lies and particularly to that type of lie which flourishes only in the dark. Unless the character of our people has changed they will know on election day exactly what they think of the subterranean campaign the Democrats waged during the past three weeks."

"A political campaign that cannot be run in the open, free press of America is not to the credit of any party or candidate. We give below Harding's family tree. It is an ancestry of which any American might be proud. We shall be glad to answer questions about any of the men or women whose names are given and are prepared to prove that there was not a drop of Negro blood in anyone of them."

"Charles H. Taft, publisher; Herbert Taft, editor."

RESOLUTIONS.
Carthage, Texas, Sept. 25, 1920. Whereas, the teachers are looked upon as leaders among their people alone religious and educational lines.

And Whereas we see the need of cooperation along the industrial lines.

Be it Resolved that the teachers organize themselves in a cooperative body of co-workers by the way of a County School Meet on some fixed date set aside by the Institute in various contexts and

Whereas, we have received an invitation from the Shelby County Teachers Institute to become a member of the Division of the District County Meet, be it

Resolved that we affiliate with said county in their meet.

Be it further Resolved, that we, the Institute, affiliate with some other county in their Institute for the ensuing year.

Resolved that we, the teachers, attend the Teachers' State Association which convenes at Houston, Texas, Thanksgiving Day, which in itself is a source of inspiration and growth to the teachers.

Be it further Resolved, that we have a county school monthly paper and each school send in news to this paper monthly.

Signed,
REV. ESO. MOORE
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